

# Town Demolishes Abandoned House on Crestwood Lane in Farmingville

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**Farmingville, NY** – On June 27, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) were on hand for the demolition of an abandoned house at 34 Crestwood Lane in Farmingville. The house, which was vacant for nearly 10 years, had been had been used by squatters and was a source of numerous resident complaints and Town building code violations. The rear of the house was in danger of collapse and the interior showed signs of vandalism. It was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a “fast track” to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, “This house might look good from the front, but it hasn’t been maintained in many years and it is a dangerous eyesore. A house like this one lowers the property values of nearby homes and has a detrimental impact on everyone in the neighborhood. I commend Councilman LaValle for removing this house and for his efforts to clean up neighborhoods throughout the 3rd Council District.”

Councilman LaValle said, “Like so many zombie houses, this one was in a nice neighborhood where people take care of their homes and property. This is the fifth house that we have demolished in the 3rd District and I commend our Law Department for their efforts to improve the quality of life here and all throughout Town of Brookhaven.”

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